

# **CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.**

## **AGENDA**

### **I. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **III. MINUTES – February 7, 2005; February 14, 2005; February 15, 2005**

### **IV. SPEAKERS – Agenda Items**

### **V. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE**

**NO. 05-3-1 – Whereas, talented art students in grades 7 through 12 in middle, junior, and senior high schools of Rhode Island had an opportunity to win recognition for themselves and their school by participating in The Scholastic Art Awards of 2005, and**

**Whereas, this program is sponsored regionally by the Providence Journal and the Rhode Island Art Education Association and conducted nationally by The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and**

**Whereas, approximately 125 Silver Keys have been awarded for outstanding work on the regional level and 75 Gold Key finalists have been selected and will be forwarded to New York City for the national competition where they will compete with finalists from over 60 other regions across the United States, and**

**Whereas, students in Cranston Public Schools earned 5 Gold Key Awards, 27 Silver Key Awards, and 1 Photography Portfolio Nomination,**

**Be it RESOLVED that these talented artists be recognized by the Cranston School Committee for their outstanding accomplishments, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that they be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.**

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**CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST**

**Lauren Ardito      Silver Key, Drawing**

**Chester Brown     Two Silver Keys, Drawing**  
**Danielle Cohen     Silver Key, Drawing**  
**Joshua Roberti     Silver Key, Drawing**  
**Katie Sylvestre     Silver Key, Mixed Media**  
**Anthony Williams     Gold Key, Drawing**

#### **CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST**

**Alexandra Almagno     Silver Key, Painting**  
**Amanda DeFarno     Silver Key, Mixed Media**  
**Nicole Dubois     Silver Key, Ceramics and Glass**  
**Allyson Dupont     Silver Key, Drawing**  
**Christopher Moore     Photography Portfolio Nominee**  
**Jessica Thurber     Silver Key, Painting**

#### **PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Ashley Addison     Silver Key, Sculpture**  
**Laisha Crum     Gold Key, Painting**  
**Leonardo Deluzio     Gold Key, Drawing**  
**Benjamin Dyer     Silver Key, Drawing**  
**Gregory Hawkins     Silver Key, Plans and Models**  
**Ruta Nikitska     Silver Key, Painting**  
**Xena Pope     Silver Key, Drawing**  
**Michael Rose     Silver Key, Mixed Media**  
**Patrick Rush     Silver Key, Mixed Media**  
**Patrick Rush     Silver Key, Printmaking**  
**Jessica Sullivan     Silver Key, Drawing**

**Soo-Hye Yeom     Silver Key, Drawing**

**BAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Sara Larrabee     Silver Key, Printmaking**

**Michaela Link     Silver Key, Sculpture**

**Corey Mendonca     Silver Key, Mixed Media**

**Yee Poon     Silver Key, Drawing**

**Dawn Vittorioso     Gold Key, Sculpture**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Brittany Dias     Silver Key, Drawing**

**Alisha Mayer     Silver Key, Painting**

**Matthew Osenkowski     Gold Key, Drawing**

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**PERSONNEL**

**NO. 05-3-2 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year:**

**Luis Mejia, salary to be at the tenth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule**

**Education – University of Madre, BA; Rhode Island College, MA**

**Experience – Cranston Public Schools, Substitute**

**Certification – Middle/Secondary Spanish**

**Assignment – Cranston High School East, Spanish, 1.0 FTE**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 1, 2005**

**Authorization – Replacement**

**Fiscal Note: 11311012-512100**

**NO. 05-3-3 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Elizabeth Lavalley      General Subject, K-12**

**Caroline Scheff      Music, PK-12**

**Joanne Woerner      Art, PK-12**

**Christopher Dietz      Music, PK-12**

**Carly Cerullo      Elementary, PK-2**

**Anthony Hoyle      Elementary**

**Michael DiMichele      Secondary Social Studies**

**John Savastano      General Subject K-12**

**Ann Marie Torres    General Subject, K-12**

**Nga-Yee (Mary) Leung    General Subject, K-12**

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**Justin Anzeveno    Elementary, 1-6**

**Heather Ciesynski    Elementary, 1-6**

**Lisa Pennacchia    General Subject, K-12**

**NO. 05-3-4 -        RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section B of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:**

**Melissa Kirrane, Teacher**

**Elementary**

**Effective Dates: September 2005 – September 2006**

**NO. 05-3-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be**

**accepted:**

**Carol Moretti, Special Education  
Cranston High School East  
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Frances White, ESL  
Cranston High School East  
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Bonnie Rossi, English  
Park View Middle School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Paula Malloy, English  
Western Hills Middle School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Catherine DiSegna, English  
Western Hills Middle School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

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**NO. 05-3-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the**

**Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel  
be accepted:**

**Stacey Lehrer, Occupational Therapist**

**Cranston High School East**

**Effective Date – March 18, 2005**

**Russell Turk, Teacher**

**Cranston High School West**

**Effective Date – March 18, 2005**

**Richard James, Teacher**

**Bain Middle School**

**Effective Date – June 30, 2005**

**Suzan Lins, Science Teacher**

**Cranston High School East**

**Effective Date – June 30, 2005**

**NO. 05-3-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the  
Superintendent, the following individual be reappointed as an athletic  
coach:**

**CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST**

**Richard Perrotta Head Boys' Tennis**



**NO. 05-3-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:**

**Michael Soscia, Head Girls' Lacrosse, Cranston High School West**

**Step – 2**

**Class – B**

**Playing Competition – None**

**Experience – Girls' Lacrosse Club, Moderator**

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified**

**Ronald Lee, Head Boys' Volleyball, Cranston High School East**

**Step – 6**

**Class – B**

**Playing Competition – None**

**Experience – Head Girls' Volleyball Coach, Cranston High School East, 8 Years;**

**Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach, Cranston High School East, 7 Years**

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaching Certificate; CPR/First Aid Certified**

**John Palumbo, Head Coed Golf, Cranston High School East**

**Step – 3**

**Class – B**

**Playing Competition – College, Two Years**

**Experience – Assistant Coach, Coed Golf, Cranston High School East, 5 Years**

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaching Certificate, CPR/First Aid Certified**

**Clem Soscia, Head Boys', Outdoor Track, Cranston High School West**

**Step – 6**

**Class – B**

**Experience – Head Coach, Boys' Track, Coventry**

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaching Certificate, CPR/First Aid Certified**

**NO. 05-3-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coaches be accepted:**

**Ronald G. Lee, Assistant, Boys' Volleyball**

**Cranston High School East**

**Effective Date: February 15, 2005**

**James Raspallo, Assistant, Boys' Track**

**Cranston High School West**

**Effective Date: February 15, 2005**

**NO. 05-3-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:**

**Gail Broadbent, Secretary**

**Curriculum/Grants/Textbooks**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 14, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 16611015 515100**

**Tamara DeSousa, CNA Tester**

**Adult Education Program**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 7, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 51362142 512100**

**Karen Paquette, Three-Hour Library Secretary**

**Woodridge/Orchard Farms Schools**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 21, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 15125315 515500**

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**Josefa German, Three-Hour Food Service Worker**

**Food Service**

**Effective Date of Employment – February 7, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 32347179 511000**

**Christina Pizzi, Three-Hour Food Service Worker**

**Food Service**

**Effective Date of Employment – February 10, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 32647179 511000**

**Bethany Gervais, Three-Hour Food Service Worker**

**Food Service**

**Effective Date of Employment – February 14, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 32347179 511000**

**Cilla Reilly, Three-Hour Food Service Worker**

**Food Service**

**Effective Date of Employment – February 28, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 33047179 511000**

**Linda Donnelly, Three-Hour Food Service Worker**

**Food Service**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 10, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 31347179 511000**

**Michael Burley, Four-Hour Custodian**

**Plant**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 22, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 12147481 518200**

**David Razza, Four-Hour Custodian  
Plant**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 22, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 12147481 518200**

**Anthony Spruill, Four-Hour Custodian  
Plant**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 22, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 11547418 518100**

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**Melissa Funes, Three-Hour Food Service  
Food Service**

**Effective Date of Employment – March 2, 2005**

**Fiscal Note: 32447179 511000**

**NO. 05-3-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**BUS DRIVER**

**Claude Melse**

**CUSTODIANS**

**Mark McGetrick**

**NO. 05-3-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Cheryl Parsons, Bus Monitor**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date – March 1, 2005**

**Theresa Reynolds, Instructor**

**Alternate Education**

**Effective Date – February 28, 2005**

**Gina Schiano, Bus Monitor**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date – March 3, 2005**

**Roberta Randall, Three-Hour Food Service**

**Food Service**

**Effective Date – March 8, 2005**

**Gail O'Brien, Secretary**

**Gladstone School**

**Effective Date – March 18, 2005**

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## **GRANTS**

**NO. 05-3-13 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to Electronic Data Systems (EDS), the following grants:**

**Streaming Video Clips in Park View Middle School Science  
\$1,297.49**

**Classroom Power Point Presentations**

**Web Page Development for Park View Middle School 8th  
Grade \$1,482.97**

**Science Students**

**Recording Studio to Support English Language Arts and \$1,500.00**

**Theater, Academic Decathlon, and Mock Trial**

**Laser and Fiber Optics Communication Technology  
Project \$1,294.00**

## **BUSINESS**

**N0. 05-3-14 - RESOLVED, that the Second Budget Revision of the**

**2004-2005 budget be approved as recommended by the Superintendent.**

**NO. 05-3-15 - RESOLVED, that the following purchase be approved:**

**Student Planners in the amount of \$26,544.45**

**Number of bids issued 14**

**Number of bids received 8**

#### **POLICY AND PROGRAM**

**NO. 05-3-16 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Calendar for 2005-2006 be approved.**

**NO. 05-3-17 - RESOLVED, that Policy No. 4112.5, Athletic Coaches, be approved for first reading. (Policy is attached.)**

**NO. 05-3-18 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the revised curriculum guide and framework in the area of English Language Arts for Grades 6 through 12, be approved for first reading.**

**NO. 05-3-19 – Whereas, Cranston Public Schools' Summer School fees are low in comparison with other school districts throughout the state,**



**Be it RESOLVED that the present Summer School fee for a make-up class for a Cranston resident be increased from \$90.00 to \$100.00; the present Summer School fee for a make-up class for a non-resident be increased from \$125.00 to \$150.00; and the Summer School fee for Physical Education/Health make-up classes be increased from \$55.00 to \$60.00 for all students.**

**Be it further RESOLVED to eliminate the acceptance of cash as payment for all Summer School make-up classes and enrichment classes. Only money orders or bank checks will be accepted.**

**NO. 05-3-20 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:**

**Karen Amitrano, teacher at Woodridge School, to make a SALT Visit to the Alan Shawn Feinstein Elementary School on Broad Street, Providence, RI on March 28, 29, 30, 31, and April 1, 2005.**

**Michele Simpson, Director of Early Childhood, to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the 26th Institute and Symposium from April 29 to May 7, 2005.**

**Deborah A. Salone, Director of the Cranston Alternate Education Program and Gayle S. Dzekevich, teacher at the Cranston Alternate Education Program, to travel to Anaheim, California to attend the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Conference from May 3, 2005 to May 7, 2005.**

**Kim Fera, Ruth Billings, Monica M. Orsi, Evelyn J. Baker, and Susan Marshall, all teachers at Arlington School, to travel to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the International Reading Association Conference from May 1, 2005 to May 4, 2005.**

**Marlene Gamba, Principal of Edgewood Highland School, and Joy Helmold, teacher at Edgewood Highland School, to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to attend the NECC 2005 Conference (Technology Conference) from June 27, 2005 to June 30, 2005.**

**Steven Krous, teacher at Cranston High School West, and five students from the Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB) Team, to travel to Biloxi, Mississippi to compete in the National Competition from April 22, 2005 to April 25, 2005.**

## **VI. SPEAKERS – Non-agenda Items**

**School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are**

**asked to notify the Chairman in advance.**

**Notice Posted: March 18, 2005**

**PERSONNEL        4112.5**

## **ATHLETIC COACHES**

**All coaching positions, not just new positions or those in which the incumbent had decided he/she was not interested in reappointment will be adequately posted in each school building by the Superintendent. The position may at the discretion of the Athletic Director be advertised in a local newspaper.**

**Positions covered by this article shall be filled on the basis of the best qualified person available. Qualified person is defined as an applicant with knowledge and experience in the particular sport.**

**Coaches will be evaluated by the Athletic Director and Principal.**

**A coach will be evaluated yearly.**

**After a formal evaluation, the evaluators and the coach will agree on a time for a conference to be held as soon as practicable.**

**A coach will be allowed to review a copy of the evaluation and will have the right to discuss said evaluation with their evaluators and initial said evaluation before the evaluation is placed in their personnel files.**

**Any complaints regarding a coach, made to the administration by any parent, student, or other person, which is considered in evaluating said coach will be promptly shared with said coach.**

**A satisfactory evaluation is required for a coach to be considered for appointment to a new position or a reappointment to their previous coaching assignment.**

**The Athletic Director will provide the coach with a copy of the position's requirements. The coach will sign acknowledging receipt of said document.**

**Failure to comply with the requirements will result in the coach not being reappointed.**

**Policy Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ CRANSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ CRANSTON, RI**